Parameter	CRAR	NetNPA	Profitability	CRR/SLR Compliance
Grade IV	CRAR falls below 50% of prescribed CRAR and	15% or more or	Net losses as per Balance Sheet for the last 3 consecutive financial years	

err: Cash Reserve Ratio; SLR Statutory Liquidity Ratio

crar: Capital Risk Adequacy Ratio; NPA: Non-Performing Assets.

Lifting of excise duty on molasses

1425. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the domestic liquor industry has sought lifting of excise duty on molasses and abolition of customs duty on imported molasses due to steep fall in production of sugarcane and hike in prices of molasses in international market;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken any decision on the demand of liquor industry; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Among others, All India distillers Association and Confederation of Indian Alcoholic Beverage Companies had requested that customs and excise duty on molasses should be waived.

(c) and (d) Government has reduced customs duty on molasses from 15% to 10%. Keeping in view the increase in prices of molasses since 1997 (When excise duty was fixed @ Rs 500 PMT), excrise duty on molasses has been increased from Rs. 500 PMT to Rs. 1000 PMT.

Opening of bank branches in M.P. and Chhattisgarh

†1426. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the district head quarters in Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh having only one Nationalised Bank located over there;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.